

TRADE BALANCE FOR OLD YEAR FOUR BILLION

With Steadily Increasing Trade and New Business, U. S. Will Experience Great Things in 1920.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Secretary Alexander, of the department of commerce, summed up the commercial outlook for 1920 in part as follows:

"The closing year witnessed a fabulous growth of American foreign commerce. Our trade balance for 1919 will be approximately four billions. A great fleet of merchant ships, new industries, new sources of supply and increased knowledge of our own resources are some of the assets gained from our war experience. Before the war we were engaged for the most part in the development of our own business with little serious thought of extension of our activities into world markets and we were too indifferent as regards our position of inferiority on the high seas. Today we are awake as never before. The pride of antebellum days is revived and we look to see our flag at the masthead of an American merchant ship in every important seaport of the world, carrying American goods wherever markets may be found.

Abandoning Fort Bayard Is Halted

Deming, Dec. 27.—According to the latest reports received here plans for abandoning Fort Bayard have been temporarily halted. It was reported a few weeks ago that all patients at the Fort were to be transferred to the big Government Sanitarium at Denver but through the efforts of Holm O. Bursum and Senator A. B. Fall, the deal has been temporarily held up. Both Mr. Bursum and Mr. Fall, pointed out to the officials in Washington that it would be an injustice to the soldier patients to send them to the rigorous Colorado climate and a distinct blow to the state to have Fort Bayard abandoned simply for political reasons.

Adulterated Booze Found

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 1.—Government chemists have found crude oil, embalming fluid, oil of peppermint and carmine coloring in liquor seized by internal revenue agents, according to justice Wardell, collector of internal revenue. Wardell said two persons had been indicted by the federal grand jury and 35 others arrested in three days on charges of living poisonous concoctions as beverages.

Revelers Shoot Five

Baltimore Jan. 1.—New Year's day opened here with the shooting of four young women and a boy by a group of intoxicated idlers racing along Baltimore street in an automobile shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

Sad Holiday Season

Where others have enjoyed the passing holiday season, the B. L. Stimmel family have suffered; where others have hailed the present yuletide with loved ones returning home, one of their loved ones has passed to the world beyond the grave. With their three boys returned from the service, Mr. and Mrs. Stimmel had made all preparations for enjoying Christmas and the week to follow when a telegram was received from Las Vegas announcing the severe illness of Mrs. Stimmel's mother. Acting on the advice of the message, she left for her mother's bedside but before she arrived at her destination a message came from Prescott, Washington, conveying word of the dangerous illness of their daughter, Mrs. Pearl Painter, of that place.

On receipt of this sad news, Benjamin, Jr., left last Sunday for Prescott, but owing to the fact that he did not arrive there until Wednesday of the present week, he arrived too late to see his sister alive, as another wire was received Tuesday which told of her death at 3 o'clock a. m. of that day. Her mother's condition improving to an extent that justified her return home, Mrs. Stimmel came in on No. 1 Wednesday morning but only to have her grief intensified by the news of her daughter's death. Inasmuch as the trip to Prescott will consume five days' time, it will be useless for the folks to attempt the journey to attend the funeral. The Outlook extends its sympathy to the bereaved family with the regret that it is one of the many sad cases in which words of human sympathy are the only means of comfort friends can offer.

Watch Meetings

Watch meetings were held at different homes over the city Tuesday night. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Donaldson, the Epworth League of the Methodist Church made merry with songs, recitations and games. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Merchant, the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church held a watch meeting at which the guests whiled the hours away with a program of songs and recitations bidding the old year goodbye and extending the hand of welcome to the new. At the strokes of twelve the town was at the height of excitement. Bells rang, whistles blew, guns were fired, the broncos on the prairies taking up the refrain. The New Year has begun—Let us improve on the old.

Mrs. Adams Arrives

Mrs. Ray Adams, wife of our genial townsman at the Rely & Lujan Sanitary Store, arrived Tuesday from New York which adds one more family name to the Carrizozo register.

Lodges Elect and Install

Masons Install

Carrizozo Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., met last Saturday night and installed the following officers who will attend to the affairs of the lodge for the ensuing year:

George Ferguson, W. M.
R. E. Lemon, S. W.
R. E. Stidham, J. W.
S. F. Miller, Sec.
Frank English, Treas.
Samuel Allen, S. D.
A. L. Burke, J. D.
J. P. Collier, Tyler.

After the installation, refreshments were served, after which two flash light pictures, one of the assemblage as it arose after refreshments in the dining room, the other as all present were seated in the lodge room were taken. A good attendance was had, many visiting Masons being present among whom were a good sprinkling from out of town. The Lodge card for the New Year appears this week together with dates of the meetings which will be held throughout the year—the first meeting in the New Year will be held Saturday night Jan. 3.

Eastern Star Officers

The newly elected officers with appointments for the year of 1920 are as follows: Mrs. H. E. Pine, Worthy Matron; Mrs. D. S. Donaldson, Associate Matron; Mrs. E. C. Prehm, Conductress; Mrs. W. W. McLean, Associate Conductress. The five points of the star are as follows: Miss Grace Spence, Ada; Miss Meda West, Ruth; Mrs. O. S. Stearns, Martha; Mrs. C. E. Freeman, Esther; Mrs. M. L. Blaney, Electra. R. E. Blaney, Sentinel; Mrs. Daniel Elliott, Warder; W. C. Merchant, W. P.; Mrs. E. Collier, Chaplin; S. F. Miller, Secretary; Mrs. S. F. Miller, Treasurer. The first meeting of the New Year will be held next Wednesday evening. See their new lodge card which announces the first Wednesday night of each month as the regular meeting nights of the year.

Knights of Pythias

At the last regular meeting of Carrizozo lodge No. 40, Knights of Pythias the following named gentlemen were elected to govern the deliberations of the lodge for the ensuing year: C. P. Huppertz, Chancellor Commander; Geo. J. Dingwall, Vice C. C.; Dr. P. M. Shaver, Prelate; Percy Buchanan, Master at Arms; T. M. Carr, Master of Finance; E. D. Boone, Exchequer; Stanley Squier, K. R. and S. The newly elected officers will be duly installed at the next regular meeting which will be held Monday, Jan. 5.

I. O. O. F.

At the last regular meeting of Carrizozo lodge No. 30 I. O. O. F., the following officers for 1920 were elected and will be duly installed at the meeting to be held Friday evening, January 2: James Roselle, N. G.; Ed Long, Vice N. G.; A. G. Langston, Secretary; S. F. Miller, Treasurer. Other officers, to complete the official roster will be appointed before the installation after which refreshments will be served.

Plot To Kill Pueblo Men

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 29.—Discovery of a wholesale death plot, in which, it is claimed, seven citizens of Pueblo had been marked for assassination by a band of foreign radicals here, was announced by "the committee of twenty-five," an organization of Pueblo citizens, formed three months ago, and whose membership is not known outside of the organization itself.

The men slated as victims include Frank E. Parks, manager of the local plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, where a strike is in progress; George McLagan, president of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce; Thomas H. Devine, prominent lawyer; J. Will Johnson, proprietor of the Colorado Laundry; R. G. Breckenridge, manager of the Pueblo Mining & Elevator company; Frank J. Birch, of the Birch Tent & Awning company; G. L. L. Gann, chairman of the Good Roads committee of the Commerce club.

Private detectives are said to have gathered evidence of the plot, but the matter was not given serious attention until after the attempt of unknown persons to kill Manager Parks of the steel plant Friday night when several bullets were fired at him while driving home from the plant.

Rode Bike to Capital Twenty Years Ago

(Santa Fe New Mexican)

"A. B. Stroup, attorney, of Albuquerque, who is in Santa Fe today, made his first visit to the capital just twenty years ago on Christmas night.

At that time Mr. Stroup was a teacher in Bernallillo and he rode all the way from Albuquerque on a bicycle to attend a meeting of the state teachers at Santa Fe. He reached that town tired and hungry but he finished the trip from Santa Fe, arriving that night.

That Mr. Stroup happened to be here on approximately the twentieth anniversary of his first visit was accidental. He came here on legal business, arriving last night, and he didn't pedal a bicycle all the way this time, although he may have wished to.

Moonshine Peddled In Baby Carriage

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 30.—Detectives traced Louis Silverman as he trundled a baby carriage about the streets, apparently giving one of his ten children an airing, and found that he was peddling raisin whiskey from a still, with an output of 250 gallons a day.

Sheriff Snyder Sells

A Bunch of Steers

John Snyder sold and delivered 600 head of steers last week to Thatcher & Everhart, of Carrizozo.—Alamogordo News.

CATTLEMEN CALL ON WILSON FOR NEW BEEF TRUST ACTION

Leading Organizations of Western Cattle Men Visit President Making Known Their Wants.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Members of 12 western cattle growers' associations have appealed to President Wilson through former secretary McAdoo to upset the arrangements made by Attorney General Palmer to compromise the government's anti-trust proceedings against the meat packers, John Miller, of Fort Stockton, Texas, president of the Panhandle Cattle association, announced today.

The growers, Mr. Miller said, submitted to the president through McAdoo, a series of charges to the effect that the compromise does not give them any redress for their chief grievance, which, they allege, is the control of stockyard markets by the packers to the disadvantage of the producers. They ask that the prosecutions be taken out of the attorney general, and that new suits be brought with Francis J. Hene of San Francisco, former attorney for the federal trade commission, as a special prosecutor.

Voice From the Tomb

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—William J. Bryan will speak here January 12 on the attitude of the democratic party for 1920. Friends of Mr. Bryan say he plans a tour of several weeks in which he will discuss the league of nations, the peace treaty and other possible campaign issues. Harry W. Walker, who managed campaigns of W. J. Bryan for president, today left for a tour of New York state and New England for the announced purpose of interviewing old members of Bryan leagues regarding reviving these organizations.

Meetings of the New York and New Jersey leagues will be called soon, Mr. Walker said. Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, seems to be favored as Bryan's running mate by old members of the New York league, according to Mr. Walker.

Oscuro Oil Fans Flood Carrizozo Monday

Monday was Oscuro day in Carrizozo; Messrs. Chas. Thornton, George Castle, W. L. Wellband, Charles F. Grey and others of Oscuro's male population; Mrs. Chas. Thornton and Mrs. Chas. Grey. This does not complete the list, however, as there were many more from our neighboring town, whose names we failed to get. We are always glad to meet Oscuro people, and they are easy to engage in conversation, especially when you talk about "oil!"